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Wikipedia Edit-a-thon: Queer Womxn of New England Through History

Join Boston's LGBTQ community archives to improve digital visibility of queer womxn in honor of International Women's Day

BOSTON, MA (JANUARY 21, 2021) The History Project (THP), Boston's LGBTQ community archives, is excited to invite the public to participate in its first Wikipedia Edit-a-thon. [Did you know that only about 18% of all biographies on Wikipedia are about womxn?](#)¹ Help The History Project to improve the digital visibility of womxn and celebrate International Women's Day by editing and adding articles on Wikipedia on March 7, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Participants in the Wikipedia Edit-a-thon will learn more about queer womxn of New England including Sarah Orne Jewett, Elaine Noble, Rita Hester and Beverly Smith, among others. Reference materials and a pre-reordered training presentation on how to edit Wikipedia entries will be provided for participants, and a Zoom room will be available for participants to ask questions, socialize, and share their work.

“During these times of social distancing, it's so wonderful to be able to plan a virtual event to bring the queer community together, learn more about the contributions of womxn, and make those contributions clear on Wikipedia,” says Executive Director Joan Ilacqua. “It's our mission to share LGBTQ history, and we look forward to improving and updating the internet's free and open encyclopedia.”

Tickets are available at: <https://queerwomxn.eventbrite.com>. This event is free and open to the public, donations to support The History Project's mission to document, preserve, and share LGBTQ history are graciously accepted.

About The History Project

Established in 1980, The History Project preserves the history of New England's LGBTQ communities and shares it with researchers and the public. The group maintains one of the largest independent LGBTQ archives in the nation—over one million records and growing—encompassing over 200 collections donated by organizations and individuals. The History Project shares this history through public talks focused on collections, programming created in partnership with other organizations, and the annual HistoryMaker Awards, which honors established and emerging leaders. To learn more, please visit www.historyproject.org.

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¹ Jess Wade and Maryam Zaringhalam, “Why We're Editing Women Scientists onto Wikipedia,” Nature News (Nature Publishing Group, August 14, 2018), <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-018-05947-8>.